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Rabies Cases Hit Lamoine

(Lamoine) — At least three cases of rabies were reported in Lamoine during the summer, marking the first time the potentially fatal disease has spread into town in decades. According to the Maine Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory rabies was detected in two skunks and a fox in July and August. Two of the cases were on Lamoine Beach Road fairly close to Lamoine State Park. The other case involved a skunk on Shore Road. The Shore Road case had some potential human exposure as the family dog interacted with the infected skunk. Family members underwent treatment with a rabies vaccine they report to be rather unpleasant.

As of late August, Hancock County reported 17 cases of wildlife that tested positively for rabies. Only Penobscot County had more cases. Lamoine's three cases were tied with Bucksport for 2nd most in the County. Ellsworth had four cases. The highest number in any one Maine town this summer was five in Orrington. The spread of rabies has steadily



Crew members from Atlantic Landscape Nursery sprayed the ballfield on September 11th and 12th with a mixture of seed, water and fertilizer. Grass was growing in just over a week from seeding

headed to the Northeast for the past few years, hitting in Hancock County for the first time last year. Southern Maine counties report very few cases.

Rabies is a disease of the central nervous system that is almost always fatal without treatment. It is very rare in humans, but is spread quickly in wildlife through contact with saliva. To test for rabies, the health lab requires the brain to be sent in, as the virus commonly lives in that tissue. That's why anyone who thinks there may be a rabid animal around should contact either the Animal Control Officer or the Maine Warden Service.

Prevention is the key to managing rabies. Pet owners should make sure their pets are vaccinated against the disease as required by law. Dog owners are also

Ballfield Nears Completion

(Lamoine) — More than a year after volunteers started clearing the land, Lamoine's new athletic field complex behind the school is almost completed. Workers from the Atlantic Landscape Nursery sprayed grass seed on the complex in mid-September, and the field should be ready for the baseball and softball teams next Spring.

The backstops were completed by Superior Fence Company thanks to poles donated by Bangor Hydro Electric Company. Ballfield Committee Chairman Lori Boynton thanked Gary Stanley and Jerry



required to register their dogs with the town so proof of vaccination is on file. People should avoid contact with bats, skunks, raccoons, and woodchucks. Fasten trash can lids tightly, and teach children to stay away from strays & wild animals. Flyers with more information are at the Town Hall.

To increase public awareness of the rabies problem, signs were posted, an e-mail sent to residents, and a notice sent home with elementary school students

Lamoine Burglars Caught By Deputies

(Lamoine) — Some quick detective work by the Hancock County Sheriff's Department has made a burglary spree short-lived for now. Two juveniles (13 year old and 15 year old boys) along with 22-year old Barney Silk of Louisiana were arrested in connection with breaks into at least four homes and a vehicle. Mr. Silk was accused of receiving a handgun stolen from a Partridge Cove Road resident in one of the breaks. As of mid-September Silk was held in the Hancock County Jail on a very high bail because of the likelihood he might not show up for court. One boy was released into his father's custody, the other remained incarcerated.

Detective Steve McFarland of the Hancock SO said the break in the case came when one victim said they noticed a couple of kids on bicycles in the Walker

Road/Needle's Eye Road neighborhood. They found bike tracks and questioned more neighbors which led them to the two juveniles. Sergeant Jim Willis said the burglars used bikes in the breaks, and would knock on doors, and if they didn't find anyone home, they would break in. Typically they took cash, prescription drugs and firearms. Victims report they did not make a big mess of their homes. The two youngsters allegedly admitted to the breaks and supplying a gun to Mr. Silk.

The Sheriff's Department said they are still investigating a number of other breaks and possibly related complaints. The juveniles who were arrested live in Ellsworth and Trenton. All the guns stolen were recovered.

Carriere of Bangor Hydro for the great deal of help they've given. The Hancock County Technical Center constructed four dug-outs (2-per field) at a greatly reduced labor rate.

Richard J. King, Inc. has been instrumental in construction of the field from the onset, donating hundreds of labor and equipment hours and material. Mr. King will place boulders at the edge of the field to prevent vehicles from driving onto it. Many other contractors with operations in Lamoine also donated significant amounts of material and labor to the ballfield.

The largest cash contribution came from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation in a \$10,000 check. Display Concepts of Trenton has offered to construct a pair of scoreboards for the field. C&C Machine Shop has offered to construct part of the bleachers.

Mrs. Boynton says Sanchez & Sons cleared a new cross country trail on town owned land surrounding the school property and the ballfield, and that will be ready for a cross-country meet in October. That will mean students will not have cross bus Route 184 to use the old trail

The first baseball and softball games on the new field will be played in Spring 2001, and the first full soccer season will come in the fall of 2001. A dedication ceremony will be held in the Spring before the first official games are played on the field. The Ballfield Committee raised over \$20,000 to complete the facility.

Tax Rate Increases by 15-Percent

(Lamoine) — Lamoine taxpayers saw an increase in the tax rate for 2000 of 15-percent. The rate went up from 9.2 mills (\$9.20 for each \$1000 in valuation) to 10.4 mills. Increased county taxes and education costs and reduced non-property tax revenues are behind the increase. On a \$100,000 property valuation, a tax bill would increase by \$120.

The tax assessors finished their tax commitment in early August and tax

bills were in the mail shortly thereafter. Tax Collector Hubene Brodie reports brisk collection during August, and by mid-September less than a thousand tax bills remained to be collected. The deadline to pay without interest is October 31st. After that, interest is charged at 10.75% of the unpaid balance as approved by town meeting.

While the percentage increase in the tax rate was relatively steep, the actual mill rate is still one of the lower ones in Hancock County. The total town valuation was \$100,839,000, which means 1 mill will raise \$100,839 in tax revenue. The total to collect, \$1,048,725, is the largest ever in Lamoine.

Joint Budget Meeting in October

(Lamoine) — The Selectmen, School Committee and Budget Committee will meet jointly on Thursday, October 5, 2000 at the Town Hall to discuss the upcoming budget season. It will mark the first time in recent years the three major players in the budget process have had a chance to meet in the planning phase of the budget.

The meeting came at the request of School Board Chairman Bonnie Marckoon who noted that in recent years the school budget has been somewhat confusing and the budget presented to

town meeting has not been fully discussed by the budget committee and school board ahead of time. One of the goals of the meeting is to set some budget goals and let all know the expectations for the coming year's budget, and to set some deadlines for budget submission.

The Budget Committee has several new faces this year. Re-appointed were members **Hubene Brodie, and Reggie McDevitt**. New to the committee are **Linda Feury**, who works in the Hancock County Treasurer's Office, and former school principal **Sheryl Davis**.

Audit Report finds all well in Lamoine

(Lamoine) — The books continue to balance well in Lamoine, and the town's in good financial shape according to the audit of the fiscal year completed June 30, 2000. Accountant James Wadman completed the audit in September, and noted a couple of things to Selectmen.

One note is on the current value of the investment accounts the town holds through Bangor Savings Banks' Trust Department. Because of interest rate increases and the volatility of the stock market, the fair market value of the government backed bonds is about \$10,000 lower than the book value. The town invests in these instruments which yield lower interest rates but are considered safe investments, therefore are not worth as much on the fair market. Because we hold the instruments to term instead of trading often, the unrealized loss is unlikely to materialize.

The other note from Mr. Wadman comes on the school fund balance. To lower the tax rate in the past two years, the town has figured the actual state education aid money into the tax commitment. The School Department has booked the actual amount received as unexpected income and claimed that as part of the education fund

Town ends fiscal year with healthy surplus

(Lamoine) — According to preliminary (un-audited) figures, the town ended the fiscal year with an undesignated fund balance (surplus) of \$413,200. For years, the goal has been to end the year with at least \$300,000 in undesignated funds. This is not necessarily money in the bank, as there are some taxes and tax liens yet to be received at years end. The money is used to operate the town for the few months until the taxes are due.

The increase in surplus came from a couple of sources. One was the unexpected income from the sale of tax acquired land at a profit of nearly \$24,000. The other was exceptional collection of excise taxes. New car purchases pushed excise tax collections to over \$200,000, or \$30,000 more than budgeted.

The town designated \$100,000 of the surplus to tax reduction in FY 2001.

balance because town meeting did not specify that any extra state funding be used to lower taxes. The Selectmen briefly discussed the issue this fall and will likely to include an article in the next town meeting budget giving official authorization to the assessors to lower the tax commitment to reflect actual state education figures.

Tax Relief Help Available

Landfill Monitoring Costs A Bit Lower

(Lamoine) — After the first round of bids to monitor the wells placed near the old Lamoine landfill came in, Selectmen asked the DEP for some help, and it has come. Instead of semi-annual well monitoring, the town is required to sample the wells installed by the state just once per year. That will lower the monitoring costs for those wells to about \$4,000 per year.

Specialized equipment is needed to take samples from the four wells installed during 1999 at State expense, thus the high cost. Two engineering firms bid on the well sampling, and the bid was awarded to James Marchewka and Associates, Inc. of South Portland. It is expected the firm will take water samples in early October and

prepare a report on what chemicals they find in the wells.

Additionally, the town will continue to sample four residential wells in the area of the landfill for contamination from the old dump. Recent sampling has seen the level of contaminants drop significantly from past years. At a summer meeting, a representative from the DEP said it generally takes 5-to-6 years to see the impact of capping a dump to the effect on groundwater, and this would be the right amount of time to notice an impact. The DEP reports the dump cap is in pretty good shape, with the exception of woodchuck holes.

(Lamoine) — The state's so called "circuit breaker" program applications are available at the town office. The program provides relief to property owners who's taxes are beyond a certain percentage of their income, and also provides some rent relief for the elderly.

Additionally, some residents have yet to take advantage of the homestead property tax exemption. This year's exemption was a \$72.80 saving on the tax bill. To qualify, a person must claim their property as their primary residence, have owned a primary Maine residence for at least a year, and provide certain proof of residency, such as being registered to vote in Lamoine. Forms are available at the town office, and must be returned to the Board of Assessors by next April 1st.

John Holdsworth appointed CEO/LPI

(Lamoine) — Lamoine resident John Holdsworth was unanimously appointed the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) and Local Plumbing Inspector (LPI) by the Board of Selectmen in July. Mr. Holdsworth replaces Rebecca Albright who resigned in June. He had filled in as the interim CEO/LPI while the Selectmen advertised for candidates for the position. Three people applied, including Mr. Holdsworth, and the Selectmen and Planning Board interviewed two finalists at their July meeting.

Mr. Holdsworth held the position many

years ago. He is a licensed LPI and a site evaluator, and serves as a deputy LPI for the City of Ellsworth. He formerly operated the Pine Tree Print Shop and printed a few town reports for Lamoine in years past.

Because Mr. Holdsworth has designed many septic systems in town, he requested a Deputy LPI be appointed to inspect such systems. Planning Board Member Robert Sharkey, the LPI in Bar Harbor volunteered to do those inspections.

Planning Board busy with Shoreland Permits

(Lamoine) — A provision of Lamoine's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance requires Planning Board approval of septic systems located in the Shoreland Zone, though the Code Enforcement Officer can approve single family dwellings in that zone. Because of that, the Board was quite busy this summer, and granted permits to Steve Joy on Rabbit Run (see page 6), David Dennison on Great Ledge

Site Plan Review Ordinance to be Re-Examined

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board met in late September to work up an acceptable Site Plan Review Ordinance. This ordinance would give guidelines for major projects proposed for Lamoine and would be in keeping with the spirit of the town's Comprehensive Plan adopted in 1996.

Initial work was completed on the plan in 1995, but it was rejected by voters

Planning Board Stays Intact

(Lamoine) — The names are the same, but the positions slightly different on the Lamoine Planning Board. Because of increased interest in serving on the Planning Board, the Selectmen explored the idea of enlarging the board by adding more Associate members. A check with the legal department at Maine Municipal Association (MMA) found that was not proper. The Selectmen appointed **David Smallidge** to an Associate position at Mr. Smallidge's request. Former associate member **Robert Sharkey** was appointed as a full member of the Planning Board.

At their meeting in July, the Planning Board selected **Douglas Coleman** as the chairman of the Board, **Perry Fowler** as vice chairman, and **Karen Eaton** as Board Secretary. Also on the board are **Mary Ann Orzel** and Associate Member **Gordon Donaldson**. The Planning Board generally meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Lamoine Town Hall.

Board of Appeals Named

Road, and Susan Stuwe on Shore Road. All three projects will see residential homes built in the next year

The Planning Board also gave its blessing to gravel pit permit holder Reggie McDevitt to construct a separate entrance onto Route 184 (Lamoine Beach Road). Mr. McDevitt had shared an entrance with an adjacent pit, but found too many trucks using the same entrance to be a problem. The Maine Department of Transportation issued the formal road opening permit.

at the Town meeting. While the reason for rejection is not known, it was noted the ordinance was a very complex document.

The Planning Board's goal is to produce an ordinance for projects with major impact on Lamoine's Land Use that will provide both the Board and potential developers with a specific set of guidelines to follow when making such major proposals. It was felt that such an ordinance would have been appropriate in the recent gasoline tank controversy.

(Lamoine) — Some changes in the makeup of the Lamoine Board of Appeals. Former Secretary **Clif Smith** asked not to be re-appointed after two terms on the board. Taking Mr. Smith's place is **Joan Bragdon**, a former tax assessor. She lives on Marlboro Beach Road and has been quite active in town affairs for many years.

Also retiring from the Appeals Board is **John Holdsworth**, as he's the new Code Enforcement Officer. Former Alternate Member **Melody Havey** moves up to full board status to take Mr. Holdsworth's place. Ms. Havey recently was named an Assistant Attorney General for Hancock County and lives on Partridge Cove Road. The Alternate position remains vacant for the time being.

Building Permits Plentiful for Summer

The following permits were issued since the last *Lamoine Quarterly*:

Per.#	Name	Type
00-22	Upton, Alice	Deck
00-25	Foster, Daniel	Storage Shed
00-26	Dennison, D&V	Garage
00-27	Deitz, Leonard	Exp Bedroom
00-28	Thorburn, Mark	Addition
00-29	SARJOY, Inc	Guest House
00-30	SARJOY, Inc	Residence
00-31	Sargent, Dwight	Addition
00-32	Young, Tyra	Residence
00-33	Matthews, E&K	Barn
00-33S	Brown, Mary	Pier & Floats
00-34	Alley, Tracy	Deck
00-35	McNeal, D.	Residence
00-36	Wyshak Patricia	Shed
00-39	LeDioyt, John	garage/residence
00-38	Norwood, Dan	Shed
00-37	Sharkey, Robt.	Storage Shed

00-40	McDonald, C.	Mfg Home
00-41	Bunker Merrill	Expansion
00-42	Bunker Merrill	Expansion
00-43	Dennison, D&V	Residence
00-44	Stuwe, Susan	Residence
45HO-1	Sanchez, S	Home Occupation

The building inspection process has been greatly modified to comply with local ordinance. The building inspector will now only do a final inspection on a project to make sure that the elements of the local ordinance have been satisfied. Various other inspections done in the past were dropped because the ordinance does not require them, and the town could be held liable. CEO Holdsworth can be contacted at the town office on Tuesdays between 10AM and Noon, or at home.

Petitions Dropped

(Lamoine)— Petitions requesting a special town meeting vote to increase the size of the Board of Selectmen and a super-majority passage of budgets higher than the recommendation from the budget committee were voluntarily withdrawn by circulator Robert Sharkey. The Selectmen were advised by the legal department at Maine Municipal Association that both questions were probably not legal as the town has no charter.



Local clam and marine worm harvesters park their vehicles below the high tide mark in Marlboro in the so-called "Inter-tidal Zone"

Town stays out of Inter-tidal Zone Flap

(Lamoine) — Acting on advice from Maine Municipal Association, the Board of Selectmen will stay out of a small controversy in the area between high and low tides.

On one side are marine worm and clam harvesters who traditionally have driven their vehicles to the area for convenient access. On the other side are landowners above the high tide mark who do not wish to see vehicles, especially during pleasant summer weather. The question was posed to the Selectmen as to who controls the inter-tidal zone. The

answer depends on the activity.

Ancient state law keeps the zone available to the public for the purposes of "fishing, fowling, navigation and recreation". Specifically excluded in the same section of law are automobiles.

The advice from MMA was to let the land-owner and the vehicle owners work it out between themselves, as the town does not have an obligation to police such activity. The Selectmen heeded the advice, letting both the landowners and the inquiring vehicle owners know what the law reads.

Improvements Planned at State Park

(Lamoine) — Lamoine State Park officials met with the town and mooring permit holders to review proposed changes to the waterfront area. The

welcome. Many in the audience said the plan lacks an area to keep dinghies on shore, and Mr. McIntosh said he would address that. The Board of Selectmen

Two Lawsuits Dismissed Against Town

(Lamoine) — The town prevailed in US District Court in a 2nd lawsuit filed by property owners John & Anita Burns. A federal judge dismissed the suit seeking two-million dollars in damages from the town and over twenty other defendants in connection with a septic system on Catnip Island. The suit was dismissed because Mr. & Mrs. Burns failed to file any response to the dismissal request within the required deadline.

The suit was similar to one filed in 1999 by Mr. & Mrs. Burns, claiming their civil rights were violated by denial of a sub-surface waste disposal permit. No successful site evaluation had been performed on their property prior to filing the lawsuit, therefore no permit could be issued.

The latest suit came despite the plaintiff's success in having a septic system designed and installed on their property in 1999. A building permit application submitted afterward was considered withdrawn because of incomplete information regarding the floodplain in regard to the property.

major changes involve a proposed “ground-out” float system to accommodate more boats, increase parking areas to accommodate more boat trailers, and possible room for future expansion.

The meeting drew a big crowd, including commercial fishermen curious if they might get squeezed out of the harbor area. Park Manager Jay McIntosh assured the fishermen they will still be

wrote to Mr. McIntosh to outline the concerns heard at the meeting. The letter questioned the wisdom of the “ground-out” float system that would be of little use at mid to low tide. The Selectmen encouraged the park to look at fixing the existing pier/float system in place and possibly expanding the number of floats in that deeper water area.

No formal construction is expected before next spring.

Friends of State Park select officers

(Lamoine) — After sitting somewhat dormant for the last year, new officers are in place for the Friends of Lamoine State Park. Selected at a Selectmen’s meeting in August were Julie Herrick, who replaces Donna Fennelly as President. Town Treasurer Stu Marckoon volunteered to keep the books for the group as he has done for the Lamoine Ballfield Committee. He replaces Jim Patten as treasurer as Mr. Patten is retiring.

Stan Bachman, soon to be a resident of Lamoine, said he might be interested in an officer’s position next year. Mrs. Herrick will be acting secretary for the organization.

Aquaculture Lease Proposed Quietly

(Lamoine) — The Department of Marine Resources is considering a 3-year lease of waters off Lamoine for an experimental mussel growing operation. Ralph Jacobs and Milbridge and Tim Kief of Hancock submitted the application in June with a comment period open until August 5th. The DMR did not bother to inform the town about the pending lease comment period until there was less than a month to do so.

The matter was presented as informational to the Planning Board in July, but the Board has no jurisdiction on the matter. The Board of Selectmen chastised the DMR for making a poor effort at public notice.

The other dismissal came at the agreement of both parties in the suit brought by the former owners of the Lamoine General Store regarding placement of gasoline storage and distribution pumps at the store. Because they sold the store shortly after filing the superior court appeal, Edward and Penelope Ciampa no longer had standing in the matter and agreed to dismiss the suit. The new owners of the store have not approached the town about selling gasoline.

E-mail service popular

(Lamoine) — The e-mail service begun a year ago by the Lamoine Town Office has proven extremely popular and effective at keeping citizens informed about the goings on of their town government. Over 150 households have now signed up for the service. The most popular request is for reminders about car registration due dates. Community events are publicized, and even *The Lamoine Quarterly* is sent out in text form (no pictures) via e-mail. Subscription is free, and subscription slips were included with this year’s tax bill. The service has been very handy for public alerts, such as the recent rabies outbreak (see page 1).

Welcome to Lamoine Packets Ready

(Lamoine) — The stress of moving into a new town with all its quirks of municipal services is a little less severe in Lamoine these days. The town office has produced a packet to welcome new residents into town. The Selectmen gave their blessing to the *Welcome to Lamoine* in July. It's nearly 50 pages long along with other pertinent fliers about the town.

Town Clerk Hubene Brodie came up with the basic plan for the publication to help explain how things work in town government. It contains an explanation of how to register vehicles, how to register to vote, how the trash disposal system works, how property taxes are figured, who the town officials are, the various services offered by the town office, and has a lengthy section on how the building permit process works (see related article this page).

Because things change often in municipal government, only a few packets are made up ahead of time so the office can keep the packets up to date. There is a small section about the Lamoine School system. The school has its own handbook for students.

The staff welcomes suggestions for inclusion, but the packet should help answer most questions about Lamoine.



The computers donated by Metro Information Systems sit ready for action in Mrs. Duffy's 4th grade classroom.

The Permit Process is ready

(Lamoine) — Reading Lamoine's Building and Land Use Ordinance and the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance isn't exactly a Clive Cussler novel that would keep you on the edge of your seat. Now, folks contemplating a build can hit the highlights in a new publication called *The Permit Process*. It includes parts of the building code, the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, highlights from the Floodplain rules and the state plumbing code.

Computers Donated to Lamoine School

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Consolidated School is now 16-computers wealthier thanks to a generous donation from a Virginia based corporation. Metro Information Systems was closing a training center, and had 16 computers to dispose of. Ray

Becker, a Lamoine Beach Road resident, is on the board of directors of the company, and he got in touch with the town office to see if anyone knew who could use some computers. The school was quickly suggested.

A technology committee was already in place and consulted and they eagerly accepted the donation, and the computers arrived in late August, just before the start of school.

Special thanks go to Brett Jones, owner of Ellsworth computer. A member of the technology committee, Mr. Jones has donated countless hours to getting the donated computers hooked up in the school building and operating to meet the students needs. Channel 5 and *The Ellsworth Weekly & Ellsworth American* did nice stories on the donation.

Trash Volume drops slightly in summer

(Lamoine) — A remarkable summer for trash collection in Lamoine. After years of steady increase in weight, the amount of trash brought into the transfer station and taken to the PERC plant in Orrington actually decreased significantly.

Looking at figures from June through August for the past two years, The amount of trash sent to PERC decreased nearly 6-percent, or by 10.7 tons! That's a savings of over \$550 from last year's trash bill.

A couple of factors may go into the reduction. Last year, the Selectmen discovered one particular trash hauler was bringing in material from out of town, and he was shut down for a while. The same hauler appears to be bringing only Lamoine trash in, and that helps with the tonnage. Another factor was a cleanup around the metals pile last year that added a few tons to the trash mix.

Finally, there appears to be more voluntary recycling taking place. The newspaper and plastic containers have been picked up more often, and there seems to be less cardboard in the household trash which keeps the weight down. During the summer two more dumpsters were added to the facility.

The Planning Board was instrumental in laying out the format of the publication and helping with the editing. The Selectmen gave final approval in July.

The Permit Process is **not an ordinance!** That point cannot be stressed enough, but it lays out the basics of the existing ordinances which should always be consulted before moving forward with a building project.

Thanks are due to former Code Enforcement Officer John Fink who authored a similar publication for the Town of Hancock, from which much of the language for Lamoine's version was borrowed. Copies are available at the Town Office.

Fall Road Work Planned

(Lamoine) — The roads in Lamoine are in relatively good shape, but trees grew quickly this summer. The crew from Top Notch Tree service will trim back trees on Walker Road and Seal Point Road in early October. More tree trimming may be done in the spring.

The east end of Shore Road will have the shoulders improved. Pot holes will be filled on Seal Point and Mill Roads. Street sign repairs are scheduled on many roads as well.

Cleanup added to work schedule

(Lamoine) — After complaints about the amount of litter blowing around the transfer station, the Selectmen reached agreement with station manager Allen Sternfield to clean up after the trash is hauled away weekly. The effort is paying off, as the station has looked a lot cleaner this summer.

Animals, windy weather, and some broken dumpster covers combined to blow the trash around before it could be picked up by Sawyer Environmental. Selectmen Glenn Crawford hopes to fix the covers soon.

Town on Greenway

(Lamoine)— The town is on the map, so to speak as part of the largest bicycle route in the US. Lamoine is on the East Coast Greenway.

A wave of bicyclists carried water from Key West Florida through Lamoine to meet up with water from the Bay of Fundy to mark the Greenway.

The route through Lamoine will carry bikes on Buttermilk Rd., Jordan River Rd., Pinkaham's Flats, and Mud Creek Road before hooking up with Route One in Hancock. There has yet to be any noticeable increase in bicycle traffic.

Fire Calls Mostly For Car Accidents

(Lamoine) — Motor Vehicle accidents supplied most of the business for the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department during the summer. In a stretch of 3 days, a pair of accidents brought firefighters to the intersection Mud Creek Road and Eagle Point Road. On July 5th, a young Cherryfield man decided to pass a slower moving truck which turned into Eagle Point Road. No serious injuries were reported, but the young man's vehicle was totaled. It wasn't a good day for his family, as later that day, police allege his mother shot her boyfriend to death in Township 10.

Three days later, a vehicle driven by 23-year old Theodore Provost Jr. of Hancock slammed into a tree at the same intersection. The vehicle started smoking, and passing motorists pulled

Mr. Provost to safety before it burst into flames. When the fire department arrived, flames were shooting 30-feet into the air and little was left of the car. County Ambulance transported Mr. Provost to the hospital. He was convicted of operating under the influence in September.

Another accident on Pinkham's Flats sent two men to the hospital. Ronald Pinkham and Leon Jacobs told deputies they tried to avoid a deer and their truck flipped when they got into a ditch.

The Fire Department also responded to Ellsworth for stand-by coverage during a major gas spill on high street, and sent 4 trucks and about 15 people to Trenton for a house fire in September. Both departments worked well together and saved the house on Route 230 from major damage.

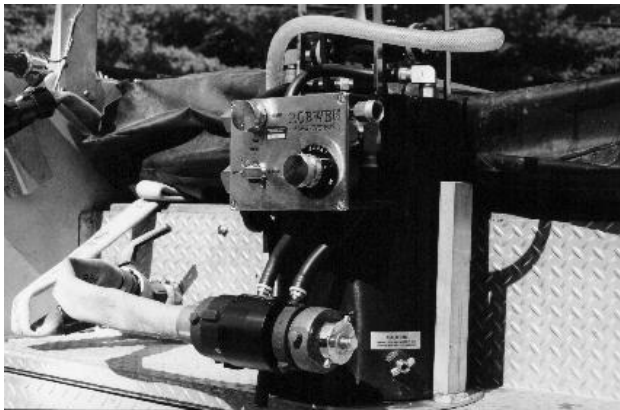
Finally, the fire department participated in a tricky extrication in late September when a 10-year old boy got his finger caught in a hole at the Lamoine Consolidated School. The Ellsworth Fire Department and Sheriff's Department joined forces as the desk was cut away from the youngster's pinky. No blood was spilled

Storage expanded at Fire Station

(Lamoine) — When construction finishes, the fire house should have a lot more room in the truck bays. Firefighter Mike Jordan with help from other fire department members has begun construction of a loft in the rear of the building. The new storage area will house numerous items such as spare hose, truck parts and the like.

The fire department was also the recipient of an explosion proof locker for storage of flammable chemicals. The Selectmen voted to purchase the locker from administration funds made available through insurance premium refunds.

Auction nets nearly \$6,000 for LVFD



Foam Ready!
Thanks to a grant from the Forest Service, a new foam mixer was installed on Engine 402 by Chief Engineer Mo Oliver, giving the department four trucks capable of pumping foam. Studies and practical show the addition of foam to water to be much more effective at fire suppression than plain water.

Enhanced 911 Operational Next July

(Lamoine) — If you dial 9-1-1 for an emergency today, you will be connected to some place in Maine, but we're not sure where just yet. In July 2001, all 911 calls from Lamoine will be answered by the State Police in Orono, and routed automatically to the proper agency. If you need police services, the call will be routed to the dispatcher at the Sheriff's Department or State Police. If you need the fire department, the Sheriff's Dispatcher will handle the call. Medical emergencies will automatically be routed to County Ambulance. The dispatcher

will see the name and address of the phone from which the call is placed.

Lamoine has completed its part in the Enhanced 911 operation, matching up telephone numbers to physical addresses. It wasn't too difficult, but some names assigned to phone numbers did not match up to town records. The most difficult number to match up turned out to be a number assigned to New England Telephone (which is now Verizon). They had a tough time placing exactly where the service to a routing box was located. The matching was completed in August.

New Road Named

(Lamoine) — A road leading into a subdivision off Shore Road was named "Rabbit Run" by the Board of Selectmen this summer. Building permits have been issued for three residences on Rabbit Run, and all four lots in the subdivision have reportedly been sold as of mid-September.

The name kept a wildlife theme intact for roads that lead toward the shore from Shore Road. Other names include Fox Run, Bear Point Way, Deer Run and Wolf Run.

Needle's Eye Overpaved

(Lamoine) — The town's paving consultant was a bit red-faced when the paving job on Needle's Eye Road was finished. Only about half the road was scheduled to be paved, but the consultant forgot and had the crews pave the entire length (about 1 mile). The cost for paving was about \$28,500, which was \$3,500 over budget.

Consultant Roger Picard did not bill the town for his services. He did check the paving job after complaints of ragged areas. Mr. Picard said the shape of the road caused the paver to drag.

(Lamoine) — After using up funds raised by previous years auctions and chowder suppers, the coffers of the fire department were replenished at the annual auction held in August. A generous benefactor also came forward and donated \$3,000 to cover the recent purchase of a heart defibrillator.

The department's auction drew about 60 bidders to the Lamoine school in August. When the bids were tallied, about \$6,000 came in from donated goods and services.

Big expenditures by the department in the past year included the defibrillator and painting Engine 403, the 1975 American LaFrance purchased in 1999, and materials for the storage area currently under construction.

Defibrillator On Board

(Lamoine) — Training is complete for about 15 firefighters on the Lamoine Fire Department's new Automated Electric Defibrillator (AED). The unit was purchased in recent months and placed on board a fire truck.

A defibrillator delivers a shock to the heart for victims of heart attacks and related afflictions. Firefighter Margaret Mitschele, an EMT, delivered the training.



Inn Named Historic Landmark

(Lamoine) — The old Shore Acres Inn, currently owned by Charles & Marcia Hemingway, was added to the National Register of Historic Places by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. The Inn was originally built around 1795 by the DesIsles family, and was one of 11 hotels in town. Visitors to Bar Harbor used to stop in Lamoine before catching the ferry from Lamoine Beach to Bar Harbor.

It once had an observation tower, a dance hall and a music hall on site. During the Depression in the 1930's, several additions were removed. Part of the original Inn is now a building up the road occupied by summer residents. It was the inspiration for a play called *Shore Acres* that was hugely successful in 1893. Mr. Hemingway said he'd like to see the old Inn preserved as a memorial to playwright James Herne.

Who's New at Lamoine School

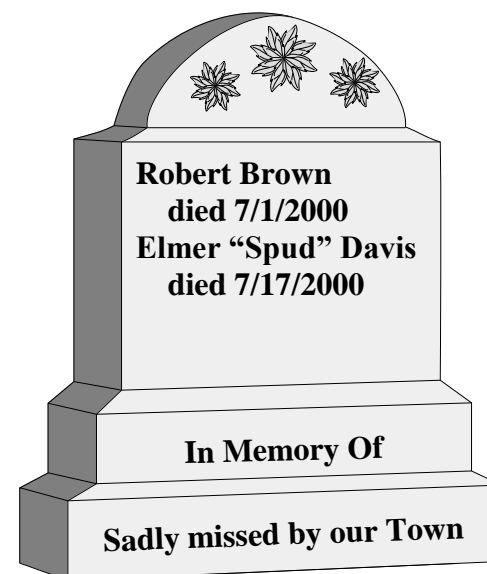
(Lamoine) — A few new faces this fall at the Lamoine Consolidated School. **Sherry Young** is teaching 1st grade, replacing **Diane Bonney** who's moved to 3rd grade. Mrs. Young has taught in Mt. Desert and Addison. **Marissa Morenz** is the new Ed Tech in 5th Grade. She lives in Winter Harbor.

A new Anderson greets folks at the front door. **Betty Anderson** replaces Marti Anderson as Secretary (they're not related). Betty lives on Jordan River Road. The new librarian is also a

Vital Statistics

(Lamoine) — Lamoine couples kept Maine Coast Memorial Hospital busy in mid-August. Welcome to **Casey Dean Willard**, the son of Kelli and Richard Willard, who was born on August 15, 2000. The Willards live on Douglas Highway.

One day later, on August 16th, **Garrett Craig Smith** made his grand entrance. He's the son of Michelle and Craig Smith who just recently purchased a home on Buttermilk Road. A huge sign at his new home announced his arrival.



Lamoine resident. **Marlane Rembold** lives on Lamoine Beach Road and replaces Donna Healey who resigned during the summer. **Glennon Walker** of Partridge Cove Road is a new custodian, replacing Ralph Hall.

Patrons Corner

By Sharon Oliver

(Lamoine) - If you shop on the Internet, you can raise money for the Lamoine School. Participating merchants such as Toys R Us, JC Penney, Staples and CD Now have agreed to donate between 2% and 20% of the purchases made on the web to the customer's favorite school.

To start, go to www.freetechnology4kids.com. You'll be asked to enter a zip code (04605) and select a school (Lamoine Elementary School) then select shop now. You're given a list of merchants to choose from, and after you select your items, a box displays how much is paid to the Lamoine School.

For more information, you can contact A+ America, Free Technology For Schools at 1-800-256-9469 or e-mail theircustomer@aplusamerica.com. The web site has a helpful explanation of how the fundraiser works.

While the announcement is long overdue, we welcome **Mihaela Elena Young**, the daughter of Dana Young of Partridge Cove Road. Mihaela was born in Romania on February 13, 1996.

Plenty of weddings this past quarter too! On July 22nd, **Gregory Watts and Meagan Kinghorn-Brooks** were married. They reside on Buttermilk Road.

Timothy Fisher and Liza Alley were married on August 5th in Lamoine. They live on Partridge Cove Road.

Mathew Brown and Tina Cummings of Milford tied the knot in Lamoine on August 12th. Mathew lived in Lamoine as a child.

Gerald Ford (not the president) and **Georgia Southard** were married on August 20th at their new home on Seal Point Road. Friends had quite a surprise as they thought they'd been invited to a house warming!

Blake Hodgkins and Terri Carlisle were united on September 16th in Hancock. The newlyweds reside on Needle's Eye Road in the house once owned by Mr. Hodgkins grandparents.

And, a happy 50th anniversary to **Walt & Marion McFarland** of Douglas Highway. They were married on September 24, 1950 in Lamoine and were honored on their anniversary at the Lamoine Baptist Church.

Art Show Succeeds

(Lamoine) — The 1st Annual Lamoine Art Show turned into such a fun event organizers are already thinking about next year's show. Edna Coyne welcomed exhibitors onto her field adjacent to the Historical Society. The Boy Scouts provided lemonade, and a lot of exhibitors showed off their talents. Contributions went to the Scouts and the Historical Society.

Arlyss Becker was invited to show her paintings in Castine. Among the other exhibitors were Joan Bragdon, Barbara Ferguson, Rosemary and Jenny Levin, Karen Eaton, Janna Duym, Mascha Litten, Anita Weisenberger, Brian Norris, Anne and Andrew Stocking, Robin Veysey, Terry Hilt, Pat Haugh, Janet Mullen, June Skinner, Dale McCurty, Orna & Bob Mikes, Denise Barbieri, Pat Wallace and Joanne Lambdin.

Students from the Lamoine Consolidated School show showed works were Miranda & Cassandra Engstrom, Paige Boynton, Avi Gabel-Richards, Chad Smart, Sarah Burnett, Cara & Charles Weber, Ben & McKenzie Curtis, Kaitlyn & Molly Vaux, Mary Jones, Lucas Carriere, Sydney Martin, Tessa Miller, Devin McGreevey, Amelia Gillett, Jina Haslam, Alexandra Raynor & Emily Crotteau

October 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2-7PM Planning Board	3	4—7PM Board of Assessors	5— 6:15 Selectmen, School Board, Budget Cmte 7:00 Fire Dept.	6	7
8	9-Office Closed (Columbus Day Holiday)	10— Tax Collector's Office closed in AM 6:30 PM School Cmte.	11	12-7 PM Fire Dept.	13	14
15	16	17	18-Town Office Closed for MMA Convention	19-6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Dept.	20	21-5PM Fire Dept Supper at School
22	23	24	25-Town Office Closed, DMV Class in Trenton	26-7PM Fire Dept.	27	28
29	30	31-Taxes Due		The Town Office will be open all Saturdays in October		

November 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2-6:15 PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	3	4-Office Open 8am to Noon
5	6— 7 PM Planning Board	7-Election Day 10AM to 8PM	8-6:30 PM School Committee	9-7PM Fire Dept.	10	11-Veteran's Day
12	13	14-Tax Collector's Office Closed until noon for League of Towns Mtg	15	16-6:15 PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	17	18
19	20	21	22	23-Office Closed (Thanksgiving)	24	25-Office open 8am to Noon
26	27	28	29	30-6:15 PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.		

December 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
School Cmte. Meeting date & time TBA					1	2-Office Open 8am to Noon
3	4-7PM Planning Board	5	6	7-7PM Fir e Dept	8	9
10	11	12	13	14-6:15 PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	15	16
17	18	19	20	21-7PM Fire Dept.	22	23
24	25-Office Closed Christmas	26-Office Closed	27	28-6:15 PM Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	29	30-Office Open 8am to Noon
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And Much Much More!

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